

**BEFORE THE
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to s. 285.13(1), Stats., the Department of Natural Resources will hold a public informational meeting to review its ambient air quality monitoring network throughout Wisconsin.

Monitoring Network

In 1981 the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) approved a portion of the Wisconsin State Implementation Plan (SIP) for the Clean Air Act monitoring plan dealing with air quality surveillance, which is required by Parts 51 and 58 of Chapter 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations. That monitoring plan presented a detailed scheme for ambient air quality monitoring, including a detailed proposal for a comprehensive network of ambient monitors throughout Wisconsin. In addition, the Department proposed to conduct an annual review of the monitoring network and to notify the public of significant changes in the network by conducting a public informational meeting.

This meeting will review the changes that occurred in 2005 and will present an outline of changes proposed for 2006. An explanation will be provided for each deviation from the original plan as well as the proposed changes. Public comments on the changes will also be received at the informational meeting.

Exceptional Events

On July 1, 1987, the U.S. EPA promulgated new ambient air quality standards for particulate matter under Section 50.6 of Chapter 40, Code of Federal Regulations. Appendix K to Part 50 ("Interpretation of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Particulate Matter"), under Paragraph 2.4 ("Adjustments for Exceptional Events and Trends") allows state agencies conducting monitoring the opportunity to remove monitoring data from consideration for SIP purposes, if the agency can demonstrate that the data resulted from an "exceptional event", provided the state presents the evidence for its reasons to delete or flag the data at the public meeting.

During 2005 there were no exceptional particulate matter events in Wisconsin.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to s. 285.13(1), Stats., the Department of Natural Resources will hold a public informational meeting to review the ambient air quality monitoring network. The meeting will be held:

Friday, January 13, 2006
at 10:00 a.m.
Room 709, GEF II
101 South Webster Street
Madison, WI 53703

Written comments on the monitoring network may be submitted directly to Mr. Bruce Rodger, c/o Air Monitoring Section, Bureau of Air Management, P.O. Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707, no later than January 31, 2006. Written comments will have the same weight and effect as oral comments presented at the meeting.

A copy of the proposed revision to the Monitoring Plan is available for public inspection at the Bureau of Air Management, 7th Floor, 101 S. Webster Street, Madison, Wisconsin, or by mail (at no charge) from Mr. Bruce Rodger at the address noted above.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin December 6, 2005

STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
Bureau of Air Management

By /s/
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